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Title: <b>Method for Operating a Casting-Rolling Plant</b>	§	Client Ref.: <b>2001P03257WOUS</b>
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### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the art listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified application. A copy of the cited art is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

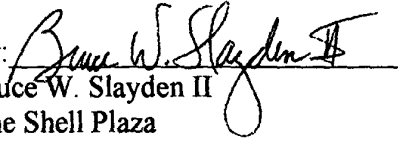
Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97(g) and (h), no representation is made that these references are material to the patentability of the present application.

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	1	5,115,547	05/26/92	Rohde	29	33	01/18/91
	2	5,544,408	08/13/96	Tippins et al.	29	527.7	01/11/95
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	4	EP 0 584 605 A1	08/05/93	EPO	B21B	1/46	x	
	5	EP 0 665 296 A1	01/24/95	EPO	C21D	9/00	x	
	6	WO 00/12235	03/09/00	PCT	B21B	1/46		x
	7	61-056705	03/22/86	JAPAN (ABSTRACT)	B21B	1/26	x	

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